Key Outcomes

Our key outcomes for Reception children at Tanworth:

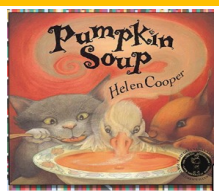
* I am an independent and curious learner.
* I can seek challenge to reach my full potential.
* I can build my resilience by having the opportunity to express and explore my feelings.

Reception Newsletter

"In God's family learning, loving, growing to be our very best"

19th October 2026

Literacy



* We are enjoying the story Pumpkin Soup and our exploration of pumpkins has helped us understand the story further.
* This week children will make a story map of the animal's jobs.



Maths

* We are continuing to look at the composition of numbers to 5 and learning to subitise. Our pattern making is also continuing this week and the children will be making their own patterns using their painting, cutting and sticking skills.
* This week is our whole school science week so we will be using lots of maths skills in our investigations. Counting, comparing, measuring, recording and predicting to name a few!
* This week we will learn to talk like a mathematician and a scientist (same, different, more, less, compare, measure, predict, float, sink, conditions, test, fair, expect, results). PHEW!

Phonics

Phonics Bug

* We have learnt the sounds s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o We are continuing to **blend** these sounds to read new words. We are also **segmenting** words to spell.
* Only one sound will be introduced this week - c. We will then spend time looking at the letter formation of the sounds/letters we have learnt so far.
* Don't forget to keep flashing though your orange phonic sound book to keep their recall sharp. New sounds will be added this week.
* **Blending** = the skill of putting individual sounds (phonemes) together to read a word.
* **Segmenting** = the skill of breaking a word down into its individual sounds (phonemes) to spell.

Events Calendar

* WB 19th SCIENCE WEEK (Whole School)
* 20th Parents Evening - school hall 3.30 - 5.30
* 22nd Parents Evening - school hall 3.30 - 7.00
* 22nd Last Day of half term
* 23rd INSET Day School Closed
* 2nd November Return to school - Autumn 2
* 5th November Phonic Workshop 9.15

Science Week

This week is our whole school Science week. Children will attend an assembly on Monday morning to observe some eggy experiments! Can you ask them what they observed? Can they explained what happened?

The theme this year is "Curiosity: What's your question?"

Ask it → Predict it → Test it → Discover it → Ask again!

We will be carrying out some class experiments throughout the week, learning lots of new vocabulary, practicing our observation skills and asking lots of good questions.

Our class questions are: Will it sink or float? What does a seed need to grow? Do bigger conkers roll further that smaller conkers?

Reminders, Thank yous and Requests

* Thank you to all who visited the classroom last Friday it was great to see so many of you. I hope you enjoyed seeing life beyond the classroom door . If you were unable to come on Friday the classroom will be open on both parents' evening nights this week (Tuesday 20th & Thursday 22nd).
* Please make sure reading packs, including their orange phonic books, come to school everyday (except Thursdays).
* Don't forget to return your permission slip if you haven't already for the whole school Christmas Pantomime trip. If you need another copy please ask.
* Well done to Matilda this week who was awarded our class value certificate for Generosity.

REQUESTS & DONATIONS

Thank you for the donations of pumpkins we received last week. The children have enjoyed exploring them on our investigation table and using them in our outdoor environment.



Happy Half Term!

What a great first half term we have had! The children are settled into their new class and enjoying their learning.

All the Reception Team wish you a Happy Half Term!



Thank you for your continued support.